

As promised we are sending part 2 of the newsletter which will give you more information about what is going on in the village. This year has been very busy, as usual, but so good! Because of the busyness of the year, on a family front, with the wedding, it has been a very different year, and many of the teams we had were attending the wedding...but we will update you on all of that later in the newsletter.

House Insulation

Up until July we insulated 2 houses which will make a HUGE difference to a family in need over the winter months. This winter was particularly harsh with extremely low temperatures and loads of snow resulting in being not able to leave the village for days at a time! A family can save up to 40% on their wood consumption if their houses are insulated. This year we had 2 teams who came to help us with this project, which was fantastic.

Another plus side on the insulations is that it has opened doors to speaking to more people within the village and we have continued to keep in touch with every family that we have insulated their house. People don't need to attend church to have their house insulated and we have certain criteria that needs to be met before we agree to any work being done.



Children and Teenagers



This September we renewed the vision for all areas of the ministry and the Children's club was no exception. We renamed the club Micii Exploratori, which means Small Explorers. We have games, stories, many different activities including one which involves food. We have always believed that it is important for the children to have fun and be allowed to be children as many of their family situations are extremely difficult and many responsibilities are put upon them beyond their years. As the children grow up we encourage them to become helpers and this year it is needed as we have an influx of younger children.

The teenage club is always a slow start as the schools are settling back into a regular programme and most of them don't arrive home till 7pm, after a very long day. This year many of the older teenage boys found work in the holiday village during the summer months rather than in the fields, which was great. Many young people have left Romania to find work in the UK and Italy, causing a lack of young people around, which is affecting the whole area.

Matthew 25

The Matthew 25 ministry has continued to be very active, which includes helping people in very practical ways from food parcels, food, medication and gas bottles to cook with.

An elderly person receiving the equivalent of £28 per month from the government needs help as gas to cook on costs £10 per month alone plus bills and food to buy. Every month, this lady's medication, costs £41. How can all this be met by £28 per month?

A single mum with 4 young children receives only £80 per month from the government. The oldest daughter is now having to travel to school by 2 buses and now on top of living expenses, transport costs are needed so that she can continue to attend school.

A couple in their 60's who cannot find work as they are 'too old' and their pension is only £100 per month.

A man who lost his home and family and earns money by doing odd jobs in the village for the average of £6 per day.

Life is still very difficult for people here, and particularly the group of people who cannot work due to their age or personal circumstances.

Winter



Last winter was extremely tough with temperatures reaching as low as -30C on a regular basis and being snowed in the village, and fresh food not reaching the shops. The summer months reached a high of 42C in the shade and up till 2 weeks ago it was 32C. This week they have dropped to 18C and gale force winds. A complete shock to the system!

Autumn is fast approaching and then winter. We urgently need to provide wood for the people that we mentioned. Last year we didn't buy any for us as a family, or the church, so that we could provide for others but this year we need to buy for ourselves and the church as well as other families. We need to buy at least 12 tonnes of wood for other people, and very soon. The cost of wood, this month, is £80 a tonne, but as time goes on it gets more expensive. People don't have

another option than wood to burn. Gas pipes are being laid in the village but we are not sure when they will be ready to be used. If you can help in any way please can you let us know.

Church

We have launched a new vision within the church also and encouraging people to experience freedom in Christ and to have a renewed passion in their walk with God. We have been prayer walking in the village again and people are significantly more open to us, and the Gospel. Tante Lena particularly has a real heart for this and she is charge of this area, and we have seen her 'shine' with this new responsibility.

The summer months are always quieter due to work commitments and it has been good to get back into some sort of normality. We have many plans to reach out into the community more and more and have really seen a difference within the people in the village. Our main aim is to spread the Gospel of Jesus, and if necessary, use words.

Teams

This year we had 6 teams right up till the week before the wedding and we had such an amazing time with each one of them.



The teams are involved in many practical things such as house insulation, helping in the community, around the church area Kid's clubs, ladies and men's meetings and anything else that they feel that they can do.



Any age and any skills are welcome to come and help and we can guarantee that you will go home a changed person. You will come to bless the people here, but will go home having received more than you gave.

We are taking bookings for next year and if you would like to come to Poiana and help in any way, then please get in touch with us. Your life will never be the same!

This is just a sample of what is going on here in Poiana and we want to thank you for your continued prayers and support. It really is necessary to do the work here and we appreciate every one of you.

Prayer Requests

- For God's provision for the winter months for the church and needy families.
- For health during these months
- For people's lives to be changed as they see and hear the truth of God's Word
- Please continue to pray for everything that we have mentioned in the newsletter and for the next few months as we continue the renewed vision.

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter. Please keep in touch and many blessings to you all,

Alex, Heather,

Andrew and Elena

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